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SUBJECT: LOS: STRAITS ISSUE

1. DURING NEGOTIATIONS ON STRAITS IN CARACAS SESSION OF THE LOS CONFERENCE, SOME STRAIT STATES SOUGHT TO CREATE A TREND TOWARD DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN MILITARY AND NON-MILITARY VESSELS USING INTERNATIONAL STRAITS, WITH FREEDOM OF TRANSIT PROVIDED FOR COMMERCIAL VESSELS AND RESTRICTIONS, INCLUDING REQUIREMENT FOR ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OR CONSENT, FOR MILITARY VESSELS. SIMILARLY, THERE WAS SOME EFFORT DIRECTED TOWARD ELIMINATING OVERFLIGHT FROM STRAIT TRANSIT REGIME.

2. POSTS SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT RAISE ISSUE OF STRAITS AT THIS TIME UNLESS SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTED TO DO SO. HOWEVER, DURING NORMAL CONTACTS, HOST GOVERNMENT LOS EXPERTS, MAY SOLICIT EMBASSY VIEWS ON ISSUE OF STRAITS NEGOTIATIONS AND ON DISTINCTION BETWEEN MILITARY AND NON-MILITARY VESSELS AND ON OVERFLIGHT. POSTS MUST MAKE CLEAR THAT U.S. CANNOT ACCEPT DISTINCTION BETWEEN TRANSIT OF MILITARY AND NON-MILITARY VESSELS THROUGH STRAITS. WE CONSIDER SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO TRANSIT OF STRAITS ISSUE MUST INCLUDE GUARANTEED PASSAGE OF WARSHIPS AS WELL AS OVERFLIGHT OF AIRCRAFT AND SUBMERGED TRANSIT OF SUBMARINES. ANY EFFORT AT DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN COMMERCIAL AND MILITARY VESSELS WILL MAKE NEGOTIATION OF SATISFACTORY STRAITS REGIME EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT AND JEOPARDIZE SUCCESSFUL TREATY. POSTS

SHOULD ALSO STRESS THAT OVERFLIGHT IS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF SATISFACTORY STRAITS TRANSIT REGIME.

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